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SUBJ: TWA'S BARCELONA SUSPENSION

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1. IN VIEW FACT SUSPENSION SET FOR FOLLOWING DAY, EMBOFF INFORMED LARROQUE, DIRGEN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHOSE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVAIR ON APR 16. LARROQUE THEREAFTER ELICITED ON PERSONAL BASIS FROM VICENTE TORO, UNDERSECRETARY IN LABOR MINISTRY THAT DECISION REQUIRING TWA HIRE FORMER PAN AM BARCELONA WORKERS DEFINITELY NOT MADE. LARROQUE SAID BOTH HE AND UNDERSECRETARY, WHO HAD TALKED DIRECTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR COURT IN BARCELONA, WERE UTTERLY ASTONISHED THAT TWA WOULD TAKE SUCH A DRASTIC STEP ON BASIS OF DECISION WHICH IT HAD HEARD ABOUT ONLY INFORMALLY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW FACT THEIR INFORMATION ERRONEOUS. THAT FONMIN OFFICIAL ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT FACT BARCELONA SERVICE SUSPENSION ANNOUNCED ONLY ONE DAY IN ADVANCE.

2. COMMENT: IT WILL BE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT FOR LABOR COURT RULE TWA MUST HIRE THESE FORMER PANAM EMPLOYEES NOW
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THAT LABOR MINISTRY HAS TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY-HOWEVER

INFORMALLY-THAT SUCH A RULING HAS NOT BEE MADE. OTHER
AVIATION SOURCES HAVE COMMENTED THAT BARCELONA NOT A PROFIT-
ABLE MARKET ANYWAY. THUS TWA'S INTERESTS APPEAR FOR THE
MOMENT TO HAVE BEEN SERVIED, BY BEING RELIEVED OF AN UNPROFITABLE
ROUTE AND OF AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE ON
WHAT IT REGARDS AS SUPERFLUOUS EMPLOYEES. AND IBERIA WOULD APPEAR
TO GAIN FROM THE REDUCTION IN COMPETITION IN THE US-SPAIN MARKET.
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